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**OWNER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ESCORT SERVICE**  
**CHARGED WITH MONEY LAUNDERING**

\_\_\_\_\_Orlando, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announced today the unsealing of an indictment charging Ethan Douglas Green with six counts of money laundering and two counts of promoting and managing prostitution. If convicted, Green faces a maximum penalty of imprisonment of 20 years on the first count of money laundering and ten years on each of the other five counts of money laundering. The maximum penalty Green faces for each count of promoting and managing prostitution is a term of imprisonment of five years. Green was arrested this morning and he will make his initial appearance in federal court in Orlando this afternoon at 4 p.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Donald P. Dietrich.

According to the indictment, Green owned and operated an escort business called "Girls Next Door" which advertised services from Daytona Beach through the I-4 corridor to Tampa and St. Petersburg. According to the indictment, "Girls Next Door" provided prostitution services. The business operated out of Green's home located in Winter Springs, Florida.

The investigation has resulted in the seizure and forfeiture in excess of \$500,000 in cash and properties. Agents with the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI) additionally served a search warrant at a financial institution seizing 13 bank accounts belonging to Green and "Girls Next Door". More than \$176,000 was held in these

accounts. After further investigation, it was learned that a residence in Deltona, Florida, as well as 10 acres of land in the Black Hammock area of Seminole County, had been purchased with illegal money gained from prostitution. This two year investigation was conducted by agents with the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI) and the Saint Cloud IRS - Secret Service Money Laundering Task Force (SCIRS-SS). SCIRS-SS seized \$94,454 in proceeds from the sale of the residence in Deltona, along with the 9.83 acres of land in Seminole County, valued at \$250,000. It should be noted that Green no longer owns the home and the new owners have no connection to Green or this investigation.

The Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation is a multi-agency Narcotics, Vice and Organized Crime law enforcement task force assigned to Orange and Osceola Counties. The member agencies of MBI are the State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit; Sheriff of Orange County; Orlando Police Department; Winter Park Police Department; Apopka Police Department; Ocoee Police Department; Sheriff of Osceola County; Florida Department of Law Enforcement; Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Secret Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The agencies of the SCIRSSS Task Force include IRS Criminal Investigation, the U.S. Secret Service, the St Cloud Police Department, the Orlando Police Department, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, the Kissimmee Police Department, the Maitland Police Department, and the Winter Park Police Department.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Vincent A. Citro and Daniel W. Eckhart.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.